श्रम मंत्रालय में उप मंत्री तथा संसदीय कार्य मंत्रालय में उप मंत्री (श्री राधा कृष्ण मालवीय): (क) जी, नहीं।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

(ग) 8 नवम्बर, 1988 को हुए श्रम मंत्री सम्मेलन में श्रम कानूनों के बेहतर कार्यान्वयन के लिए अतिरिक्त निरीक्षकों की नियुक्ति, निरीक्षकों की गतिशीलता में सुधार, प्रचार को बढ़ावा देना, शिविरों तथा ग्रुप बैठकों आदि के माध्यम से जागरूकता बढ़ाने की सिफारिश की गई। राज्य सरकारों से अनुरोध किया गया है कि वे इस संबंध में समुचित कार्रवाई करें।

Failure in distribution of land to landless

1198. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether progress has been virtually nil in the distribution of surplus land to the landless in the past few years;

(b) whether reports received from the various States about the action taken for distribution of land to landless reveal that it has not been achieved even one percent;

(c) if so, what are the main reasons therefor; and

(d) whether Government are giving a serious thought of making it successful?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARI): (a) to (d) It is not correct to say that there has been no progress in the distribution of ceiling surplus land in the past few years. This would be evident from the figures of these targest fixed under the 20-point programme for distribution of ceiling surplus land and achievements made in the past few years:

(Area in acres)

Year	Target	Achievement
1984-85	198770	158230
1985-86	125180	109245
1986-87	82278	90517
1987-88	270670	82198
1988-89	226479	79397 (till January, 1989)

The Central Government have impressed upon States to improve the implementation of land ceiling laws and accelerate the distribution of ceiling surplus land to the landless. The consensus of Revenue Ministers Conferences contain a number of measures for speedy distribution of ceiling surplus land which include, among others, setting up of tribunals under Article 323-B of the Constitution to expedite litigation, strengthening the legal and enforcement machinery, plugging loopholes in laws, detecting evasions of laws and taking remedial action, ensuring effective possession of beneficiaries over allotted land, providing legal assistance to beneficiaries in court cases, strengthening the implementation machinery etc.

Long term measures to boost foodgrains production

1199. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering any long term measures to boost farm production in the country;

(b) whether a special foodgrains programme on upshoot of the mid term proposal of the Seventh Plan was finalised in the first quarter of the year 1988 and was launched in the Kharif and Rabi season;